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THE HONOR ROLL

Those Who Were Studious for the Past School Month

MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

The following pupils of the Middletown school are on the honor roll for the past twenty school days;

HIGH SCHOOL

11th grade—Millie Rosenberg, Frances Cochran, Leone Ladley, Grace Brady, William Meyers, Letitia Pool, Alma Whitlock, Florence Kohl.

10th grade—June McWhorter.

9th grade—Elizabeth Shalcross, Edith Cochran, Clara Brady, June Johnson, Fanny Rosenberg, Laura Fogel, John Carey.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

8th grade—Anna Bingnear, Virginia Pearce, Corine Van Sant, Helen Dugan, Clayton Draper.

7th grade—Harriett Black, Grace Rosenberg, Caroline Fourcade, Margaret Harris, Walter Beaston, Percy Donaghay, Burton Pearson, John Pool,

6th grade—Dorothy Caulk, Helen Kates, Grace VanDyke, John Spicer, Frank VanSant, Stacy Jones, Edwin Donaghay, Margaret Brady, Elizabeth Brady, Preston Whitlock, Gladys Manlove, Norma Pyle.

5th grade—William Cannon, Katherine Conley, Harry Pearce, Virginia Hopkins, Leland Sinex.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

4th grade—Bertha Chance, Elizabeth Hufnall, Frances Harris, Mary Alfree, Helen Fourcade, Henry Howell, John Voshell, Elizabeth Johnson, Catherine Haskins, Dorothy Jones, Charlotte Donaghay, Kathrynne Davis, Charles Hopkins.

3d grade—Joseph Beaston, Lewis Stewart, Julian King, Winfield Betts, Benny Rosenberg, John Donohue, Virginia Brady, Catherine Carpenter, Alice Jolls, Olga Vlahos, Sophia Vlahos.

2d grade—Arrie Bradley, Geoffrey Newsome.

1st grade—A Division—Almeta Spicer, William Alfree, Jack Green, John C. Swain, B. Division—Kathryn Johnson, Elizabeth Sinex, Elsie Reed, Evelyn Elliott, Edward VanDyke, Leroy Hall, George Lindale.

HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fire, supposed to have been started from a defective flue, destroyed the farm-house of Edward Spear, on the Bohemia Manor, about four miles from Mt. Pleasant, last Saturday evening. The dwelling was of frame construction. All the furniture of the house was also burned, and the family left practically with only the clothing which they wore. The fire was discovered early in the evening, and in the rear portion of the house, and the shed enclosed the pump, the only one on the farm, was ablaze almost when the fire was discovered, and was rendered useless.

Mr. Spear has been peculiarly unfortunate from fires, having had his stock barn burned while living on the Lockwood farm near Warwick, three years ago. At that time twelve horses and 2000 bushels of grain were burned. The stock was at that time insured for about half its value, but the insurance policy of the grain had expired but a few days before. The house in this case was insured for \$1000, but the loss will more than double that amount. Mr. Spear had bought the place but a few months ago.

Matinee, Movies, Etc.

The big crowd in the Opera House, last Monday night enjoyed Mr. Rosenberg's "Jack and The Beanstalk" immensely, especially the young folks.

The affair was spectacular, and full of thrills and fairyland wonders. One marveled when seeing the size of the giant's appetite that Mr. Hoover doesn't get after him. Our farmers' wives weren't much impressed with the chick-en Jack stole that laid golden eggs—their bens are doing about as much these days.

The movie was much too long; by cutting out several needless episodes it could be much shortened and be made very much more effective. But those cock-sure scenario builders know it all.

To accommodate his country patrons, impresario Rosenberg says he intends to give a matinee movie every Saturday afternoon at 2 P. M., beginning Saturday, March 23d. These matinee movies will be precisely the same in length, quality, etc., as those given evenings—fresh, first-class films. Admission, adults 15c, children 5c.

Big Patriotic Mass Meeting

A patriotic Mass Meeting will be held in the Opera House, Tuesday evening, March 26th. Speakers of national reputation will present the vital, pressing issues of the war, and bring home to every citizen the duty each owes our imperiled country.

Mr. Sutton, of the British Army, a hero who left an arm in No Man's Land before the German trenches, will thrill his hearers with vivid stirring stories from the front. The Fort duPont U. S. Military Band of 24 pieces, will entertain the occasion with fine music.

The importance of this meeting to man, woman and child who loves his country and values the dearly-bought liberties they enjoy should lead them to pack the Opera House to overflowing.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH NOTES

Sunday, March 24th The Sixth Sunday in Lent. (Palm Sunday.) Services: 10:30, Morning Prayer and Sermon.

11:45, Sunday School session.

7:30, Evening Prayer and Address.

PALM SUNDAY

"On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm-trees, and went forth to meet Him, and cried Hosanna." St. John XII:12-13.

Palm Sunday is the beginning of the Holy Week, in which our Saviour suffered. Its name commemorates His entry into Jerusalem, when the multitudes carried palm-branches, emblems of victory, in their hands, and the air was filled with shouts in His honor from the same voices that were so soon to cry: "Away with Him! crucify Him!" They entered the holy city in triumph, and the children who marched in the procession chanted the Hosanna to His praise when they reached the temple. The whole week is one of great solemnity, and the church calls her children together day by day to hear the story of His Passion; that with more awe, reverence, and humiliation we may approach the final day when His great sorrow was crowned, and His great sacrifice completed.

WEDNESDAY BEFORE EASTER

We remember on Wednesday how Judas betrayed his Master, as on Friday we think on the Crucifixion. The memory of the traitor, selling his Lord, wakes our sorrow, and warns us to watch our own souls in temptation.

THURSDAY BEFORE EASTER

"This is in remembrance of Me." St. Luke XXI:19. The Thursday before Easter is called the day of the command, because on this day our Saviour instituted the Holy Sacrament of His Supper. Let us never turn away with cold hearts from this precious feast, but come to it even with fresh love and thankfulness that we are allowed to "do this in remembrance of" Him who did EVERY THING for us.

GOOD FRIDAY

"And when they were come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him." St. Luke XXII:13.

This day is well called GOOD, since all our peace in this world, and all our hope for another, rest upon the work that was this day consummated. It is also rightly made the most solemn fast-day of the year, since it was our disobedience that rendered the atonement necessary, our sin for which the Son of God suffered at this time the long, lingering passion of the Cross. We sometimes see in pictures and in stained glass church windows the symbols of our Saviour's the several instruments of His torture—the whip which scourged Him, the crown of thorns, the spikes and hammer, the sponge upon the reed, the soldier's spear. For six hours He hung in anguish on the cross. He was nailed to it in the morning, at the third Jewish hour, or nine o'clock. From the sixth to ninth hour, that is, with us, from noon till three o'clock, when he expired, darkness like a pall lay on the land—nature, feeling for her Lord, uttered signs of grief—and, as He died, the earth shook, rocks burst, and the temple veil was torn. Oh, how humbly, how penitently, how sorrowfully should we kneel before Him to day, adoring His infinite love, entreating His pardon for the past offences that have so often "crucified Him afresh," praying for a heart to love Him more who has loved us so wonderfully!

SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK

Thursday being Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion, 10:30.

Good Friday, Morning Prayer and Service, 10:30.

The Three Hour Passion Services, with Addresses on the Words from the Cross 12 o'clock until 3 o'clock.

Choir rehearsal this week on Friday evening at 7:30. Service in the church this Friday afternoon.

3: The Choir is practicing the Easter Music and they are going to render a very fine program.

The Rector expects and hopes to see a large attendance present at the Three Hour Service on Good Friday. If you cannot be present during the entire Three Hours spend part of the time at the service.

All those having the Missionary Mite Boxes are reminded to return them on Easter Day.

The following excellent report of St. Anne's branch of the Church Periodical Club for 1917 has just been made by the Secretary, Miss Ethel Brady.

Current Periodicals sent regularly: 13 (Number of Contributors)..... 5

Box of odd magazines (about 250)..... 1

Christmas and Easter Cards..... 82

Post cards..... 204

Puzzles..... 12

Check sent to State Librarian..... 7.75

Miss Ethel Brady our new Altar Director has appointed the following

Committees to serve as the Chancel

Committees throughout the year, and

has appointed Miss Patton Cochran as

assistant director.

February and March, Mrs. Julian H.

Foard, Miss Charlotte Peverly; April

and May, Mrs. E. M. Vaughan, Miss

C. B. Green, Miss Josephine Biggs;

August and September, Miss Ethel W.

Brady, (Directress) Miss Grace D.

Erdy; October and November, Miss

Susan Foard, Miss Helen F. Brady;

December and January, Mrs. Ethel P.

Brown, Miss Josephine Cochran.

MOTHER'S WAR HYMN!

BY GEORGE CARTER.

(Tune—"ABIDE WITH ME.")

God keep my boy, wherever he may be!
Keep him in health and send him back to me!
Keep him on land, in air and on the sea!
God keep my boy and send him back to me!

God keep my boy, whose face I long to see!
Keep him in heart and give him victory!
Let Freedom reign wherever he may be!
God keep my boy and send him back to me!

God keep my boy, he's all in all to me!
Heart of my heart, since days of infancy!
Soul of my soul—and so I long of Thee,
God keep my boy and send him back to me!

God keep my boy, who wars for Liberty,
Stand between him and death or injury!
But if it be Thy will his soul to free,
God keep my boy through all eternity!

The above war hymn was sung by between 10,000 and 15,000 persons in the churches of Wilmington and vicinity. To meet the uses of those churches for a special hymn for the day, THE EVENING JOURNAL sent out 21,000 complimentary copies. In practically all of the orthodox churches the hymn was sung at one or more of the services. In some of the ritualistic churches it was held in reserve for use at special services. It was also sung in the three Jewish synagogues.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Many Condensed News Items of the Past Week

IN THIS AND NEARBY POINTS

Real March weather this week.

Spring is just around the corner.

The days and nights are of equal length.

What about some dogless days? A lot of ours are eating food that the arms need.

Sunday, March 24, will be Palm Sunday, and the following Sunday, March 31, will be Easter.

Better raise your own food this year. You can't be sure that anybody else will raise it for you.

It is easy for a woman to look out for herself—especially if there is a window in the room she occupies.

Mrs. T. S. Fourcade delightfully entertained the U. T. C. Sewing circle at her home Wednesday evening.

A man has as much of a place in the kingdom of God as he allows the kingdom of God to have a place in him.

Dr. E. W. Caswell, of Middletown will preach in St. Paul's M. E. Church, Odessa, on to-morrow (Sunday) morning.

Fishermen are getting ready for their spring fishing. Every person who fishes a sea will be compelled to have a federal license.

The Rev. Frederick W. Loetscher, of Princeton Theological Seminary, has accepted the invitation to preach in Old Drawyers church on Sunday, June 24.

A carload of Southern grown seed potatoes were sold here at public auction last Saturday by James E. Lewis. They were of fine quality and brought from \$1.75 to \$1.85 per bushel, and were sold in lots of from five to twenty-five bushels, and were purchased by the farmers living nearby.

The choir, sang several beautiful selections, and "God Will Take Care Of You" as the casket was being removed.

It was a handsome one, and was covered with beautiful flower offerings. Miss Segars read appreciative resolutions by Robert's Sud w School class. The remains were interred in the town colored burial grounds.

JAMES M. DOWNEY

Mr. James M. Downey died in the Methodist Hospital, in Philadelphia, last Sunday morning after an illness of about six weeks. He was 64 years old, and had been for 30 years a resident of Middletown and vicinity, although he was born in Philadelphia.

When quite young he enlisted in the army at Fort McHenry, Baltimore, and spent three years in the service, and was sent South to assist in putting down the murderous Ku-Klux-Klan.

Mr. Downey besides being a very skillful and faithful mechanic, was a good citizen, honest, industrious and kind, while in his domestic relations, always proving a model husband and father.

He leaves four children, three daughter and one son, Mr. Harry Downey a resident of Wilmington; Mrs. Harvey Naylor, living in Townsend; Mrs. Edward Haezel, living in Philadelphia, and Mrs. Colonel Crouch who resides in Middletown with her three children, Helen, Paul and Marion.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. John Jones who in Mr. Downey's last illness had been very attentive, and had secured his removal to the hospital in hopes to effect a cure.

Mr. Adam Reed, Mrs. Julian Cleaver, Mrs. Samuel Brockson and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart sang very sweetly, "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown," "Does Jesus Care," and Mr. Stuart gave a touching solo, "Somt me We Will Know," and Mr. Jones paid an eloquent tribute to the character of Mr. Downey.

There were many beautiful floral offerings laid upon his casket. After the conclusion of the services the remains were interred in the Forest Cemetery, Messrs. George Wilson, Charles Kinney, Joseph Berkman, W. H. Allen, David Burchard and Henry L. Neff acting as pall bearers.

WANTED—White nurse girl, to care for two children, ages 7 and 10. Good home for right party. Address:

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Middletown, Del.

FRIENDS & VISITORS

Personal Items About People You See and Know

THOSE THAT COME AND GO

Miss Ethel Brady was a Philadelphia visitor Tuesday.

Misses Lena and Viola Weber were Philadelphia visitors this week.

Miss Charlotte Peverly is being entertained by friends at Ambler, Pa.

Miss Catherine Goodland, of New York City, is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. Robert A. Peplow has returned from a visit with friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Bessie Numbers, of Kenton, was a week-end guest of Miss Ada Scott.

Messrs. Arthur J. Pennewill and Harry Segelken spent Sunday in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. G. B. Pearson was the guest of friends in Germantown, Pa., several days this week.

Miss Clara Frame, of Dover, was a recent guest of her grandmother Mrs

Bowser Strikes Chords

But He Does Not Make a Success at It

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By M. QUAD.

A year or so ago Mr. Bowser read in a magazine what many of thousands of others read. It was an article by a celebrated musical composer, who stated as a fact that there was a chord in music which would appeal to every living thing, from an elephant to a flea, and from a vulture to a canary



He Sat Down and Cried Like a Child.

bird. That chord might appeal to their sympathies, their aggressiveness, their loneliness, their joy, their calmness, and so on through the schedule.

The writer cited one case where an elephant had his sympathies wrought upon so that he sat down and cried like a child. There was also one where a man took a harp to a zoological garden and played on it in front of a tiger's cage. He hit the tiger's aggressive chord, and the animal got out of his cage and terribly bit and clawed two or three patients. Again, when he struck a lively chord of the hippopotamus, the old fellow went waltzing around and his eyes sparkled with joy.

Mr. Bowser didn't know whether to believe the story or not, but thought he would like to see it tried at that. There was a chance coming to him, but he did not know it. He got home the other evening to find that Mrs. Bowser had gone out and left word that she might not be home until about ten o'clock. As the cook had the dinner all ready and it was a good dinner, and there was no excuse for kicking, Mr. Bowser ate his meal and smoked his cigar and read the paper for a while. It was the cat trying to climb up on the piano that made him remember the magazine article.

"Egad!" Bowser said to himself. "I am going to prove the truth or falsity of that fellow's story about

raise in wages to make her forget it. He struck a chord that he thought would do the business. It did. He heard her broom drop and she came clattering upstairs and looked into the sitting room and exclaimed:

"Why, Mr. Bowser, what was that? I thought a bad boy had thrown a stone through the window and you had tumbled out of your chair dead."

"It was only me playing, Sarah," calmly replied Mr. Bowser.

"Then, if you don't mind it, please don't play any more, for I certainly will have to have my wages raised if I stay here where such things are going on."

Mr. Bowser hadn't hit it yet. The people across the alley, with the front of the houses facing on another street, had their back windows open, and his eye caught a human form seated at one of the windows in a despondent attitude.

"There's my chance," he whispered as his eyes came back to the keys. "It is a girl or woman who is in sorrow, and thinks there is no more joy or pleasure for her in this life. I will try and find the joy chord and give her a new emotion."

Mr. Bowser began with great deliberation to strike every key on the board from left to right, and he kept his eye on the figure in the window as he did so. He had almost reached the end, when he struck a chord that seemed to float out and quiver around with a sort of Fourth of July chorus. The figure instantly changed position, and the woman leaned out of the window and shook her fist and shouted:

"You old divil ye! Has a poor woman who has been over the wash tub all day, got to submit to such an infernal racket as this, when she could catch a nap by this cool window. Stop that clatter or I will blow the whistle for a policeman, and he will soon yank you out of there!"

Mr. Bowser had failed again. Perhaps he should have played on a harp instead of a piano. He pulled on the curtain of the window, and was about to abandon his experiments, when the doorbell rang. He went to the door, and there stood a man with a bulldog and the man said:

"This is Mr. Bowser, I believe."

"It is."

"Well, Mr. Bowser, the butcher was telling me that you wanted to buy a bulldog, and so I brought mine over. He is worth every cent of fifty dollars, but as I am hard up just now, I will take half of that."

"I do not wish to buy a dog, of any kind," replied Mr. Bowser, "but I wish you would bring your dog in here a minute, and let me try an experiment on him."

"Is there another dog or cat in the experiment?" cautiously asked the man.

"Oh, no. I am going to play the piano a little, and see how he likes it."

"That won't do no harm, I think, but you must take the risk of it. A bulldog, Mr. Bowser, is an animal that you can't fool with. Sometimes he will lick your hide, and sometimes he will try to get at your throat. I will watch him closely, however, and I guess he will be all right."

The man took a seat, and the dog sat up and looked around him. If he had any idea at all, it was that his owner was going to sell him, and he had objections to that, for everything looked nice and comfortable. Mr. Bowser took a seat at the piano and

"Want to Go to the Front."

Not only did the Igorots give their treasure, but they offered their services to Governor General Harrison, and are anxious to go to France to help the Great Apo to win the war for freedom. Judge James Ross of the colonial administration, who recently made an extended tour of Luzon, said that every mountain station where he stopped was filled with natives who asked for a chance to enlist. Each native came in with his discharge papers, showing the length and quality of service he had rendered to the government of the Philippines. Then, saying that he had heard the United States was at war with Germany, he would urge his claim to bear arms under the American flag. Judge Ross would advise the sturdy volunteer to rejoin the constabulary, in which many vacancies exist, but this would not satisfy the Igorot. One and all wanted to fight.

When one stops to consider the barbaric life that the Igorot still lives, this offer of treasure and service to Uncle Sam is all the more remarkable.

For the Igorot is still very much himself and is totally different from all his other Philippine brothers. Americans are establishing schools, and education is making some progress. But the Igorots have no laws, and each community is ruled by a council of old

Foolish Victims of Custom.

A summer hotel in Vermont once tried the experiment of placing horn-pont on the menu, only to provoke indignant protests from the guests against such unheard-of and uncivilized food. A few days later the deviled fish were again presented under the disguise of "mountain trout," when they met with such enthusiastic favor that several men had to be employed for the rest of the season to catch enough of the fish to satisfy the demands of the discriminating guests.

These victims of custom would eat trout, but not catfish.

As a Man Is Judged.

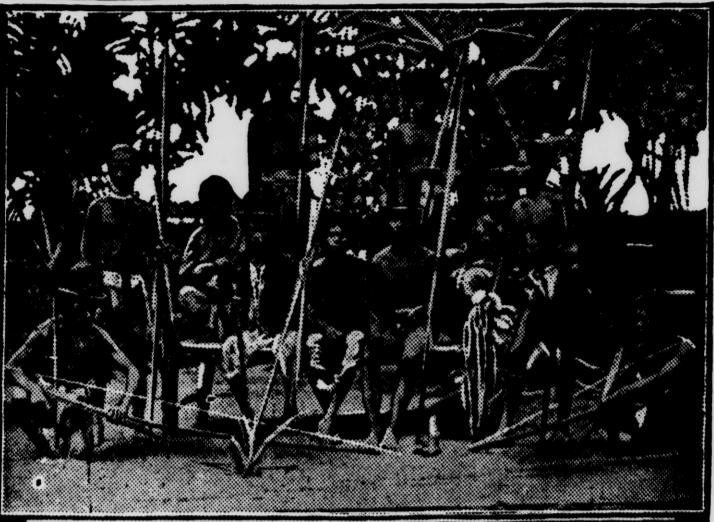
Remember, it is not the kind of work you are going to do, but the kind of work you now turn out that counts.

Your future is a guess forecasted only by the present. Exceptional unexpected fitness seldom appears. It never happens. It is a matter of growth if it comes at all. Latent ability may be dormant until challenged by some great task, but it will be a mental competence physically handicapped if it hasn't been working up to its job.

Oh, yes. I read that same article, and I was going to suggest that you try it some time. I see you have been trying it, and I hope you found it a success!"

Mrs. Bowser didn't know whether to be satisfied or not. He was pondering it over in his mind when he heard the cook fussing around in the dining room. She was making too much noise and he could hear her talking to herself and complaining of her hard life. He would find a chord to calm and quiet her, and if she wanted a

IGOROT IS WILD BUT LOYAL



Igorot Chiefs and Warriors.

JOSE wild men of the mountains of the island of Luzon, the hardy, brown-skinned Igorots, have gone to the caves and hiding places where they buried their treasure in the long ago before Dewey broke the shackles of Spanish rule and have unearthed sacks of Spanish and Mexican coins and carried them over mountain trails to Gov. Hilario Logan as their Liberty loan contribution.

"Please send this offering for the use of the Great Apo across the sea," was their simple request. It amounts to about \$8,891.

As an example of how this primitive people answered the call of the Great Apo for help when the last Liberty loan drive was made by Governor Logan, it is told that three Benguet Igorots came in from an out-of-the-way corner of the mountains one day, carrying sacks of old Spanish treasure, amounting to more than \$1,447.50. Commenting on this humble offering, the Manila Bulletin says:

"The 1,500 pesos, while not in themselves a great amount when the Philippine total subscriptions of over \$6,500,000 is taken into consideration, are regarded by the authorities of the mountain province as the most significant contribution to the entire Liberty loan campaign in the islands, coming as they do from an aboriginal people who never before trusted any savings bank but mother earth, but have been led in 18 years to confide in the integrity of the 'Great Apo across the seas' to such an extent that they unearth their treasure and lug it over the mountains that it may be sent to him to aid in prosecuting the war against Germany."

This was not all of the Igorot subscription by any means, according to the reports which have just reached this city from the mountain capital, these stating that the 4,000 pesos subscribed by the Igorots of Benguet province formed a part of the 44,000 pesos (\$42,640) subscription given by the civilian residents of Baguio and the immediate vicinity. The greatest surprise of all was the eagerness of the Igorots throughout the subprovince and Governor Logan may well be proud of his work. In the few days he had at his disposal he reached even the most distant towns in the mountains and aroused the Igorots to their great demonstration of patriotic heads when in wrath.

Another legend tells of the origin of head hunting. In warfare the Igorot always brings home the heads of his victims. One day the Moon, which is a woman, was beating out brass. The young child of the Sun stood near by, watching. His scrutiny angered the Moon, and she threw a stick at him, causing decapitation. The Sun then appeared and put his child's head back on his trunk, declaring that because of the Moon's wanton act mortals would henceforth cut off each other's heads when in wrath.

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With the first breath of spring, the earth everywhere breaks forth and is covered with verdure and blossom—the violet, arbutus, daisies and all the field flowers. The dogwood, laurel and rhododendrons, with their clouds of blossoms, ornament the woods. We gather and place them in the home; they carry cheer and beauty wherever shown. Why should these and other favorites from all over the world not be enjoyed the season round?

They have terraced all the mountainsides and raise two crops of rice a year. While the Igorots as a race are small, they are exceptionally well developed. They are great mountain climbers. Dress reform does not bother them. A thin breechcloth and a happy smile make up their costume, which they wear the year round. They are much like the aboriginal Indian of America in many customs, one in particular being that the women do all the work, while the men sit around in indolent ease, smoking green tobacco in ill-smelling pipes. The women and children smoke, too.

Superstition enters into their cure for sickness. When a part of the body is injured they tattoo little stars all over the spot, believing that by this means they will drive out the little devils that have taken up their abode there. Being exposed to the sun and weather at all times they are constantly shedding their skin. When death occurs in a family the natives take a great feast is held, followed by a wild dance similar to the dances of the American Indians. The body is then buried, and the personal belongings of the dead person are handed among the relatives and the visitors depart.

They relish dog meat, and after they have fattened a dog on rice they have a barbecue and a wild dance.

But with all their quaint and savage customs the Igorots are patriotic to the American flag now, and want to go to the trenches for the Great Apo.

With the right intelligence and will power there is no reason why you can't work up.

You have the same chance that has made others great. If your mentality and skill are equal to theirs, why can't you do what they have done. If they are not you have no reason to complain. When you make your life count, obstacles and problems will become pleasures. Men of metal rejoice in the chance to prove themselves.

Roman Glass Makers.

Rome is supposed to have entered upon glass making only some 300 or 400 years before the Christian era.

She brought it into the empire along with her other conquests. Alexander Severus, 220 B. C., levied a tax upon its manufacture within the imperial city, and in the reign of Tiberius the glass makers had an entire street to themselves in the Porta Capena.

Daily Thought.

The men and women that are lifting the world upward and outward who encourage more than critize.

Elizabeth Harrison.

HOMETOWN HELPS

NEED NOT FEAR WOOD FAMINE

Government Figures Convey Assurance to Those Who Contemplate Using That Material for Building.

Wood has been and is still one of the chief materials used in the construction and furnishing of the home. It has had natural advantages because of the ease with which it can be worked and fastened, because it has strength and hardness for general purposes, because it is comparatively light in weight, because it is a good protection against heat and cold, and because it is pleasing in appearance. These properties, which are due to its peculiar chemical nature and physical structure, have made wood unique among building materials.

An impression seems to be prevalent that the supply of wood is becoming so depleted that in the near future it can be used for ornamental or special purposes, says a report issued by the bureau of standards. This is declared to be erroneous. We still have enough virgin timber, it is declared, in this country to last for several generations, and with the growing practice of forestry a certain supply will always be maintained, partly by increasing the yield of timber per acre and partly by checking the waste in using the timber.

Although the centers of production are being removed farther and farther from the centers of population, freight rates do not make the shipment of lumber across several states prohibitory, wood being a comparatively light material.

MANY CITIES START ZONING

Are Following the Lead of New York in Attempt to Save Highclass Sections.

The zoning and building heights restrictions, which when they were put into operation more than a year ago engendered so much opposition from certain interests, are now considered a great step in city planning, a wonderful means of safeguarding sections from detrimental influences affecting the character of sections, which in turn produce loss in many directions, particularly fee value. Outsiders have watched the working of the restrictions and are convinced that they are worthy of acceptance. More than a half dozen large cities of the country are now preparing restrictions based on those of New York. This was disclosed at the meetings in New York of the American City Planning Institute, which had for its special purpose a closer study of the restriction. Zoning commissioners and city planners to the number of 100 attended the meeting. They came from Philadelphia, Newark, St. Louis and other cities, where zoning commissions have already been appointed to subdivide their cities into residential, trade and manufacturing zones.

Flowers Essential.

With the first breath of spring, the earth everywhere breaks forth and is covered with verdure and blossom—the violet, arbutus, daisies and all the field flowers. The dogwood, laurel and rhododendrons, with their clouds of blossoms, ornament the woods. We gather and place them in the home; they carry cheer and beauty wherever shown. Why should these and other favorites from all over the world not be enjoyed the season round?

When the earth is covered with its mantle of snow, the blossoming pot in the window, the graceful fern or palm, which, with their summer green, give life to the house decorations, are as essential to the beauty of the home as flowers to the landscape. Let every member of the craft combat with his greatest force and earnestness, every effort made to decry the use of flowers.

Recreation Spots Needed.

"If we are to conserve the health, the morals and the fine spirit of enthusiasm so vital to the welfare of our people, we have in this recreational movement the greatest opportunity for good now lying within the field of social service.

"The wrongs against society are committed by our people not in their hours of work, but in their hours of leisure, and the responsibility lies not wholly with the people who perform these unfortunate acts, but with the people who have not been wise enough to see that it becomes increasingly easy to the people to do right, and increasingly hard for them to do wrong."

Government Bulletin.

Appropriateness First.

By all means let any community, be it large or small, secure as large a building as possible for its important civic edifices, but let the members of the committee, as well as individual citizens, make every effort toward the intelligent expenditure of their money.

Let them remember that a large building of poor or mediocre design is far less a credit to the community than a small building which is a model of harmonious, appropriate and well-studied architecture.—Boston Herald.

A Rap for Dad.

He—What did you say when your father asked if you thought I could support you as you had been accused?

She—Oh! I told him if you were as stingy with me as he is I wouldn't think of getting married.

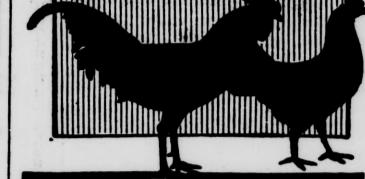
Its Status.

"It is a wonder that this wine jelly is allowed in the menu of this 'dry' banquet."

"Perhaps they thought it best to have at least one oasis in the desert."

Mrs. J. A. Sullivan of Moundsville, W. Va., has 23 relatives in the war.

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BRONZE TURKEY IS POPULAR

Largest of All Domesticated Fowls and Most Favored, Whether for Profit or Pleasure.

The Bronze turkey is the largest of all domesticated turkeys, the cocks weighing 36 pounds, and the hens 20 pounds, according to their standard of weight.

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Miss Kelly Tells How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Restored Her Health.

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DELAWARE RATIFIES

BY sweeping majorities in both branches, the Legislature on Monday last passed the bill ratifying the Prohibition amendment to the U. S. Constitution, being the ninth state, and the fourth so-called "wet" state, to swing into the line of the "dry's."

This prompt action of the Diamond State to take its stand in the foremost ranks of the great moral army marshaled to rid the world of Rum, its greatest curse, greater than War and Famine combined, is quite in keeping with its action upon all the great issues that have arisen since its entrance into our splendid sisterhood of states.

CARTER'S FINE LYRIC

ON our first page we give our readers another poetic effusion from the fecund pen of the Evening Journal's editor—"Mother's War Hymn," which was sung by 15,000 people in the churches of Wilmington the Sunday following its appearance.

He wrote not long ago a sailor boy companion to his soldier lad piece, "Our Boy," more beautiful, to our notion, than that first charming composition. Brother Carter has become a real habitee of Helicon, and is so often favoring his readers with the genuine Castalian brew that one wonders why The Journal needs to get a fifth wheel to its poetical wagon!

BRUTAL, BRUTAL GERMANY!

THE murderous Germans are everywhere continuing their bloody practices—shooting Belgian citizens, men and women; sending 12-year old Belgian lads into slavery and devoting Belgian girls to a worse fate; robbing and killing the poor Russian peasants whom with usual Germanic treachery they persuaded to disarm on lying promises of peace; sinking hospital ships and bombing hospitals on land; German officers superintending yet another awful American massacre of men, women and children by the "Kultured" Turks; plotting in every quarter of the globe their devilish deeds—inflicting horses with the glands in far away Argentina; and poisoning 500 horses in Kentucky; putting glass in foodstuffs and spreading wheat blight, and causing fires and explosions in our land—this is a partial list of Germany's infamous acts that are (if such be possible) adding to her unheard of crimes of every sort against all nations—aye, against civilization itself.

But Germany's treachery quite equals her barbarity. After cruelly deceiving the Russian people with professions of friendship and peace, she is ruthlessly despoiling that land, forcibly occupying its territory by the thousands of square miles, and seizing all foods, grains and cattle leaving the wretched peasants to starve—just the same inhuman devils she did in Belgium, Serbia and Poland.

Then here in America she is also trying through her thousands of spies, to corrupt our foreign-born citizens and in every possible way to thwart the Nation's war plans and to accomplish by underhand ways the ends she knows she cannot accomplish in fair, open warfare.

We will close this sickening catalog of blood and villainy with barely referring to an incident of horror narrated before a big audience in Wilmington recently by the Rev. Dr. Hillis lately back from several months survey of the devastated lands of Belgium and France.

The speaker told the shocking story (of which he had ample proof) of how ten German soldiers violated a woman enciente, and after she had died under their hellish acts, ripped out her unborn babe and paraded with it stuck on one of their bayonets!

Yet are there to be found right here in our midst traitors, pacifists, native and foreign born, pleading for a shameful peace with these German devils!

Goats Are Cute.

Many of the people in this country today believe that the goat is anything but a lovable animal, related an exchange. In reality there is no more lovable and gentle creature alive than "Mr. and Mrs. Chin Whiskers." Visit a goat ranch and learn to welcome the playful thrust of the cold little nose into the palm of your hand, or into your pocket, where a few of the more daring expect some hidden goodies are to be found. The awkward and playful antics of the little goatlet should win the heart of the most critical.

Translated Into English.

All books of the Old Testament apocrypha, 14 in number, have been translated into English, and are included as apocryphal books in some editions of the Bible. They were formerly printed under a distinctive heading between the Old and the New Testaments, and in that form can still be found in many old family Bibles. They are always included in the so-called Septuagint, a version of the Bible used by the Greeks.

Plant Food in Soil.

A chemical analysis cannot show the amount of available plant food in a soil. A chemist could, without difficulty, make an artificial soil containing every element of plant food in abundance, and yet be perfectly sterile. Peat, for example, is usually very rich in nitrogen, but it is locked up or unavailable. To pulverize it and mix it with lime is to change it into a highly nutritious soil.

Coconuts All Year 'Round.

Across Lake Worth, from West Palm Beach, Fla., is Palm Beach, situated on a strip which extends along the Atlantic ocean for many miles. The world famous Royal Poinciana, one of the world's largest hotels, and the Palm Beach hotel, both face Lake Worth. The shores of the lake for miles are fringed with stately coconut trees, always in bearing.

Despise the Savoyards.

Even to the present day the Geneva hate and despise the Savoyards, their hereditary enemies, calling the contemptuous attention of the stranger to the fact that these neighbors of theirs are unthrifty and still make their women work in the fields, as they did in former days. Fifteen minutes' ride in a motorcar will carry one from Geneva into Savoy.

Foundation for Success.

Constant cheerfulness and singleness of purpose, holding ever in mind the goal to be attained, will carry farther on the road to success than any other method however strenuous, declares an educator. Purification of self, consideration for others, increasing effort and no backward turning—these are the fundamentals of success.

Paraguayans Mistaken.

Paraguay has been fortunate in that she has produced some exceedingly strong men. But very unfortunate in that these men have too often been mistaken, selfish and grasping. One of the leading Paraguayans of today has said that Paraguay has had no history, but, instead, a series of tragedies.

"We Must Sail, Not Drift."

I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving, writes O. W. Holmes. To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it—but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.

The Hardest Palm.

The hardest palm at all common is California's "Trachycarpus excelsus," known as the windmill palm. Not alone is it hardy in withstanding low temperatures, but it is tough and will endure rough treatment, but boxed it is not a success.

Many Bad People.

It is said that each year 500,000 persons are committed to some jail or reformatory. In 1910 the total number of prisoners and juvenile delinquents in the United States was 166,472. Ten times as many males as female are imprisoned.

Age of the Fountain Pen.

The fountain pen is not a recent invention, as might be imagined; for it is referred to in Samuel Taylor's "Universal System of Shorthand Writing," published in 1786.

Cleans Inside of Bottles.

For cleaning the inside of bottles a French inventor has made a brush that can be adjusted to any angle from its handle by a screw running through the latter.

Use for Starfish.

Starfish are known to contain nearly 5 per cent of nitrogen and a small quantity of phosphoric acid. In Japan they are used as a manure.

Warning.

Wife (sweetly)—"My dear, I want to remind you to forget that tomorrow is our anniversary."—Life.

Hastens Reform.

Neither fire, nor sword, nor banishment can retard reform, but rather hasten it.

The Capital's Fifth Avenue.

Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington is usually listed among the world's famous streets, but to the Washingtonian this avenue has not half the importance and attractiveness of F street, the recognized parade ground of the fashionable on sunny afternoons. F street in Washington is an institution like the monument, the government clerk and band concerts in the parks. It dates back far enough to tax the memory of Washington's few oldest inhabitants, but no records of its origin are filed in the city.

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—OF—

Red Lion Hundred

The taxable residents of Red Lion Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1917 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at Parlor of Robinson House, Del. City August 11th, 25th; September 15th, 29th, October 13th, 27th; November 10th, 24th; December 8th and 29th. From 9 A. M. to 12 M.

Pennsylvania R. R. Station, Kirkwood September 10th, 24th, November 10th, 24th.

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AT HOME ALL THE TIME

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

Extract from the Laws of Delaware, Governing the Collection of Taxes of New Castle County, Section 3, Chapter 30, Volume 21, Laws of Delaware, as Amended:

SECTION 3—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per cent. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per cent. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January there shall be added one-half per centum per month until the same shall be paid.

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STATE AND PENINSULA

Atlanta, is to have a negro Y. M. C. A. building to cost \$15,000.

Dover public school is the first school in Junior Red Cross membership to be 100 per cent.

Philadelphia contractors Tuesday began remodeling the Kent County Court House.

While in a Wilmington saloon John P. Desmond was relieved of \$60 in cash by a pickpocket.

Students and faculty members of Delaware College, Newark, bought \$377 worth of thrift stamps last week.

It is stated that enough dynamite was found at Hog Island to destroy half the yard. Investigation is being made.

The Sussex County W. C. T. U. has adopted a French orphan and is raising \$36.50 a year for the child's support.

Dr. James W. Cain, president of Washington College, has been appointed food administrator for Kent County.

The Sussex County Commissioners have ordered a motor truck to convey road supplies from one point to another.

Farmers about Laurel are preparing much more ground for planting than last year, though worried about the labor supply.

With heavy winds the flats at Cedar Beach have been blown bare for two miles, and fishermen have been gathering a harvest of clams.

Elisha Steel, a West Chester graduate has been chosen principal of the Millboro High School to succeed Howard H. Williams, called to the colors.

War gardens will become a fad again this year, and gardeners in Kent County expect to use every available foot of ground for vegetable culture.

Owing to the freight congestion on the railroads, several big motor trucks are being used to bring goods from the cities to points on this peninsula.

Teachers in the Georgetown High School have volunteered as clerks for the Sussex county drafted board, and are classifying the lists every night.

Blooded cattle are to be purchased in the West and sold to Delaware farmers at cost, as the first step in a movement toward making Delaware a dairy center.

War Department Commission on Training Camp Activities now has 55 women deputy sheriffs working in vicinities of camp in all parts of the country.

One hundred and fifty residents of Wilmington employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad are in the service of the United States, many of them already in France.

Structural steel is arriving at the plant of the Penn-Seaboard Steel Corporation at New Castle, for the new plate mills that are to be installed at the Baldit works.

The Delaware Sunday School Association will raise \$5,000 for the support and development of the Sunday school system in this State, \$3,500 being Wilmington's quota.

An epidemic of unknown origin has broken out among the mules around Milton, and one man lost three from the strange disease which seems to affect them in the mouth.

A navy base hospital with a capacity of 500 beds has reached the war zone. It will take care of Navy personnel, both ashore and afloat, and if accommodations exist will also be available for Army and allied sick and wounded.

Center of Jute Industry.

Dundee practically owes its existence to its textile industry. It was the pioneer in the adoption of jute as a fiber for making cloth of a cheap quality, and its hold upon the trade has been so firmly maintained and developed that Dundee is recognized as the principal center of the jute industry in Great Britain.

Tibet History Lost.

The history of Tibet is lost in the obscurity of the long ago, for its customs date back to the morning of the world. Its people come from the ancient ages, and it is only known that they belong to the Tibetan-Indo-Chinese branch of Keene's Homo Mongolicus.

Circle of Ulloa.

The circle of Ulloa is a white rainbow or luminous ring sometimes seen in Alpine regions opposite the sun in foggy weather. It's an odd sight.

Exceptions to All Rules.

In so complex a thing as human nature, we must consider it hard to find rules without exceptions.

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PATRONS ARE THE PATRIOTS

Customers of Some Hotels Profit Very Little by New Plan of Concentration of Food Supply.

The food administration is pleased to pieces with the New York hotels for saving more than a thousand barrels of flour a week and some 17 tons of meat a day by these wheatless-mealless occasions that are so popular now, a writer in Collier's observes. Provision dealers report a falling off in sales, and all is lovely and statistical. 'Tis a fair picture to gaze upon, but honor where honor is due! That patient hero, the hotel patron, ought to come in for a few kind words, since he pays the full price and eats the half portion.

"Save wheat—use corn"—bread is 10 cents, corn bread is 15 cents. As a transient consumer, the other noon, we paid 90 cents for a slice of beef as large as a postal card, plus one tablespoonful of creamed potatoes, plus a bit of Yorkshire pudding about the size of a watch. No doubt it was all that was good for us, but the price was more. If the widely known principles of economics are still working, we helped make meat and bread cheaper and paid as much as if we were making them dearer.

A patriot is a noble thing, but isn't it better to be one than to trim one? The hotel keepers of Manhattan are playing both sides of the game and the food administration furnishes a jazz band of statistical admiration for their efforts. These bonifaces who are shrinking the meals and swelling the prices need something all right, but not governmental encouragement. Meanwhile the hotel user can feel sure that the war has not changed his function at all—he's the paying goat now just as he used to be.

HOLD WOOL IN THIS COUNTRY

War Trade Board Takes Steps to Meet the Requirements of Both the Army and Navy.

Restrictions governing the exportation and importation of wool were tightened recently by the war trade board with a view to conserving American supplies and checking the increase in prices, which have risen 200 per cent.

No commodities containing wool will be permitted in future to leave the country, it was announced, if, in the judgment of the board, the wool is needed for the uses either of the army or the navy.

Importers before they can obtain licenses will be required to sign an agreement that they will sell no wool to persons other than manufacturers and that they will give the government an option to purchase all wool imported at a price 5 per cent less than the price that obtained for the same grade July 30, 1917.

When Nobel Cut His Finger.

The great war might be traced back to Nobel's cut finger, E. E. Sllosion writes in the New York Independent. Alfred Nobel was a Swedish chemist—and a pacifist. One day while working in the laboratory he cut his finger, as chemists are apt to do, and again as chemists are apt to do, he dissolved some gun-cotton in ether alcohol and swabbed it on the wound. At this point, however, his conduct diverges from the ordinary, for instead of standing idle, impatiently waving his hand in the air to dry the film as most people, including chemists, are apt to do, he put his mind on it and it occurred to him that this sticky stuff, slowly hardening to an elastic mass, might be just the thing he was hunting as an absorbent and solidifier of nitroglycerin. So instead of throwing away the extra colloid that he had made, he mixed it with nitroglycerin and found that it set to a jelly. The "blasting gelatin" thus discovered proved to be so insensitive to shock that it could be safely transported or fired from a cannon. This was the first of the high explosives that have been the chief factor in the great war.

To Remodel Japanese Army.

The return of distinguished Japanese officers who have been in Europe studying the latest military tactics on the battlefields will be followed by army reorganization, reports the Tokyo Jiji. Under the new system one division will consist of three regiments instead of four, as now, and a force composed of two reorganized divisions will become the fighting unit of the Japanese army. Increase in the number of regiments is not contemplated, but the number of divisions will be necessarily augmented. Whether or not the new formation will be seen in the forthcoming annual maneuvers is unannounced. The military arsenal at Tokyo is preparing to build airplanes for army use, and an appropriation of \$3,750,000 will be asked from the diet. The exact type of airship has not been decided.

Delight of Berlin Life.

One of the beauties of autocratic government, says the Springfield Union, is shown in the snow-removal order issued by the military authorities in Berlin, under the provisions of which every property owner is required to remove the snow not only from his sidewalk, but from the roadway as far as the center of the street, and is authorized to call on all tenants between the ages of fourteen and sixty to assist him in this work. Failure to comply with the order is punishable with a fine of not more than \$375 or imprisonment for not more than a year, and the police are authorized to handle all such cases without the formality of a trial.

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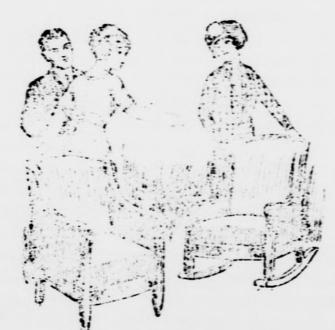
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AT FLEMING'S LANDING,
MONDAY, MARCH 25th, 1918
From 1 to 4 P. M.

AT BLACKBIRD,
SATURDAY, MARCH 30th, 1918
From 1 to 4 P. M.

RESIDENCE OF JOHN WALTONS
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From 1 to 4 P. M.

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EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

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JOHN BEITH, Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred

Phone 86.

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Appoquinimink Hundred

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1917 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector or said Hundred, will be

AT THE OFFICE OF D. B. MALONEY,
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EVERY MONDAY,
DURING MARCH 1918,
From 2 to 5 o'clock P. M.

THE BIG WORK IN THE WAR

The War Lord Salutes the Field Marshall.

Such is the striking title to a well-timed cartoon in an agricultural paper, showing the War Lord in salute to the farmer. The meaning of it is that without the assistance that the farmer renders in the matter of providing food for the army the fighting ability of that body would be proportionately decreased. While the army is fighting, the farmer is busy. The promptness with which he sprang into the breach was a patriotism equal to that of the man who enlisted and the farmer's record in this particular was worthy of the high record that has become his. All over the United States the appeal is being met by more production. Fields are enlarged, intensive agriculture has taken the place of slipshod methods, more cattle are being fattened, more hogs grown, veal and lamb have become scarce commodities. This is all in keeping with the food-controller's demands, and with the heartiness that is now prevalent, it would seem as if the requirements of the boys at the front and the allies in Europe would be fully met.

Not only are the tilled acres of the United States being brought into requisition, but the wild pasture lands are doing tribute with their cattle and sheep. Working in conjunction with the United States, Western Canada is also doing its share and a pretty large share it is, too. By an arrangement with the United States Government it will now be possible through its employment bureau to secure for the Western Canada fields such help as can be spared. It is thought in this way Canada will have its help to seed its millions of acres of wheat land fairly well met. The large number of young men of the farms who have enlisted and gone to the front has left many of the Western Canada farms weak in the matter of man power. This means that Canada can take all that the United States can spare. The wages will be good and the housing comfortable.

In addition to this the free homestead lands of Western Canada offer the greatest inducement to the man with limited means who is willing to undergo some of the hardships naturally accompanying this enterprise. There is also the large area of uncultivated lands that are waiting the man with sufficient means to purchase and equip. And this is not expensive. The cheap lands are cheap and the terms very reasonable. Equipped with tractor or horse power the cultivation cost is slight when the return is considered. Yields of wheat varying from 20 to 40 bushels per acre may be relied upon, and with a set price of over \$2.00 per bushel, it is an easy matter to arrive at the cost. Production, including interest on land, has been estimated at figures not exceeding ten dollars an acre. With a twenty bushel yield, at a two dollar price—forty dollars. Ten from forty and you have the profits many farmers made in Western Canada the past year.

The Dominion and Provincial Governments are working conjointly in an increased production propaganda. Among the important steps that have been taken to bring this about is the recent order by which it is made possible to take into Canada tractors that cost fourteen hundred dollars and less in the country of production. This will give those residing in the United States, owning lands in Canada, the opportunity to place them under cultivation at much less cost than in the past. Another inducement is the privilege of taking sheep and cattle in free of duty. Automobiles form a necessary part of the outfit of a good many farmers that would like to move to Canada. These are now accorded free duty. Provision is also made that those requiring seed and unable to obtain it in any other way, may get it from the Government. So from this it will be seen that it is not only the fertile lands of Western Canada that invite the settler, but the ease and cheapness with which a farmer may establish himself.—Advertisement.

Minnesota in 1917 produced 50,000 bushels of wheat.

Pennsylvania hunters kill 3,000,000 rabbits yearly.



THE SPRING DRIVE

Our boys are going "Over the top" and into "No man's land" this spring. No one has any doubt of their ability to get there. There will also be a spring drive on this side of the ocean, because March is the year's "blue Monday." It is the most fatal month of the year. March and April is a time when resistance usually is at lowest ebb. It is a trying season for the "run-down" man. But medical science steps in, and says, "It need not be!" We should cultivate a love of health, a sense of responsibility for the care of our bodies. Do not allow the machinery of the body to clog. Put the stomach and liver in proper condition. Take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, to be had at most drug stores in tablet or liquid form, tablets sixty-cents a vial, composed of nine herbs. This puts the stomach and liver in proper condition. You may be plodding along, no spring, no elasticity, no vim, but as soon as you have put the body into its normal physical condition—oiled the machinery, as it were—you will find new vim, vigor and vitality within you. A little "pep," and we laugh and live. Try it now. Send Dr. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., 10c, for trial package. A little energy will save the day. The prime necessity of life is health. With spirit and energy you have the power to force yourself into action. The Golden Medical Discovery is the spring tonic which you need.

CAMERAMAN AWAITING THE EXPLOSION OF GERMAN SHELLS



The photographer with moving picture camera is standing patiently waiting to picturize the explosions of German shells in the valley below, as Teuton gunners situated over the hilltop have just found the range.

Make Fortunes by Smuggling

Traders Run Goods From Finland into Sweden, Bringing Enormous Returns.

AIDED BY FRONTIER LAXITY

Haparanda is the Dawson of Sweden's New Klondike Where Gold and Wine Flow Freely—Typical Night Scene.

Tornea, Russia.—The Tornea river is frozen over again and business is good in smugglers' haven. From far up in the Arctic tundra of Lapland down to ice-filled Tornea bay, 30 miles south of the circle, sledges drawn by reindeer, dogs and ponies are crunching across the river by night, laden to the runners with tea, coffee, rubber and sugar, all bound for Sweden, where they are worth almost their weight in gold.

Their sources are Russia and Finland, and their immediate destination Haparanda, on the Swedish side of the Tornea river, where ex-sailors, hotel waiters and a typical collection of frontier town types are making money hand over fist and drinking champagne for breakfast.

Haparanda is Swedish, as different from war-distracted and revolution-torn Russia Tornea as it were hundreds of miles away, instead of being separated only by a ten-minute sleigh ride in winter and a ten-minute ferry trip in summer, across the mile-wide, salmon-filled river. Haparanda is the Dawson of the new Klondike, and its gold comes from sledges that slip by the Russian frontier guards, full of the commodities Sweden needs.

It is nearly Arctic, and in the heart of winter, there is daylight only five hours.

Frontier Customs Post.

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The goose that lays the golden egg that buys wine and keeps the poker games going lives over in Finland, which, although short of food itself, permits millions of kroner worth to slip through every month.

A year ago a Swedish preacher, on an innocent mission, was shot by a Russian frontier guard. The trouble that resulted led to almost complete laxity at the frontier, and now on any dark night scores of sleighs slip across the river, unmolested, and deposit their cargoes on the Swedish side. Some of the goods go through the Swedish customs houses, and the duty is paid. Even with the Swedish duty there is tremendous profit on the shipments.

Coffee that the Finnish agents secure for ten kroner a kilo (2.20 pounds) brings 20 across the frontier. Small boys, muffled in great overcoats, waddle across the river on skis with rubber tires for automobiles wrapped around their waists—and rubber is the most difficult of all commercial products to obtain in Sweden. Its export from Russia is forbidden.

"Gay White Way" Always Filled.

The smugglers are the richest, but Haparanda's "Gay White Way"—the hotel—is filled always with other smokers.

Here is a typical picture of any night in Haparanda when business is good on the Tornea. The coffee room is crowded early. A Serbian "kappelmeister" tunes up his violin. A young Austrian with a bass viol and three pianos, smiling German girls, with mandolins, the rest of the orchestra, play American ragtime. Swedish barmaids hurry about with champagne and other wines, just as expensive.

A young Swede, with a blank-look face, who has just made 10,000

WORTH \$25 TO SEE BROTHER

Prison Warden Who Gave Prisoner Holiday Returns Check to Chicago Woman.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Gov. R. L. Williams, who released a number of prisoners for a ten-days' holiday over Christmas, received a present he had to return. The sister of one of the men sent him a check for \$25, saying she had the opportunity of seeing her brother for the first time in years.

krone on a coffee deal, is spending it, buying for every one who will accept. At a corner table, tipsy but dignified, a group of Swedish officers stiffly reject such familiarity. At the other tables are Russian officers, in civilian clothes, who have slipped across from prohibition Tornea to make a night of it; Finnish smugglers, over for the same purpose, and perhaps a dozen Englishmen, Americans or Frenchmen, just escaped from Russia's troubles and stopping until the night train for Stockholm, all glad for a breath of gaiety in a neutral town.

This is any night—but on "punch day," the three days each month when it is permitted to sell brandy and other spirits, the line of sledges that cross the Tornea is continuous, and in the bedlam of noises the "kappelmeister" and his players cannot make themselves heard. So they make it unanimous and join the crowd.

When she was two years old, her father left their Illinois home to fight the Mexicans. He returned safely, but when the Civil War broke out he again enlisted and was killed at Vicksburg. Mrs. Almon's husband—then her fiance—served in the same regiment.

Mrs. Almon was a woman's Relief corps leader during the Spanish war, giving both her money and her time to the cause. Now she is here to bid goodby to her son who shortly goes to the front in the aviation corps. And she knits right on.

LARGE FEET GETS HIM OFF

Negro Is Discharged From Army Because of Enormous Pedal Extremities.

San Antonio, Tex.—Private Ivey Cleveland, negro, Twelfth company, Third battalion, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Depot brigade, Camp Travis, is going back to the Brazos "bottoms," where shoes are not essential. He will take with him an honorable discharge, as he has the biggest feet of any man who ever trod the parade ground at Camp Travis. He arrived at the camp wearing a pair of No. 14 brogans, which were too small.

By and by Cleveland's No. 14's began to wear out, and army officers tried to find a shoe to fit him. They tried a pair of No. 12, double E shoes, but Cleveland could not begin to get his feet in them. Rather than go to the expense of having shoes made at a cost of \$15 or \$20, Private Ivey was given his honorable discharge.

God bless you, son. I'm proud of you."

Lehrbass's father was born in Berlin, but came to America with his parents when only four years old.

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RAISE MORE FOR SOLDIERS

Department of Agriculture Urges More Attention to Industry Especially in Eastern and Southern Portions of Country.

Pointing out the serious shortage of wool at a time when this material is of such vital importance in war operations, the department of agriculture in its agricultural program for 1918 urges that an effort be made to increase the production of sheep and wool. Increase in farm flocks is recommended wherever conditions are favorable and the first cost of stocking is not too high.

Amount of Wool Produced.

The wool produced in this country furnishes only about 50 per cent of the amount used in peace times; the war demands have emphasized the seriousness of this domestic shortage.

To equip two million soldiers and clothe them for one year would require the entire quantity of wool grown annually in this country.

Nothing Doing.

"I see your boy has a little hatchet."

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"Doesn't he chop down your favorite cherry trees, eh?"

"No; he chops up my favorite golf sticks."

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Brighten Bank Barns.

Very few farm buildings constructed 15 or 20 years ago meet the sanitary requirements of today. Bank barns are generally dark and damp.

Light is often excluded from one or more sides, thus making the stable difficult to keep clean. Stables which have basements open on one side for the manure furnish a breeding place for flies. Barns which have many exposed beams, braces and ledges on which dust may lodge are undesirable.

In these old types of buildings little or no attention was paid to proper ventilation and distribution of the light. Many of them, however, can at small expense be remodeled to meet all sanitary requirements.

Mutton and Wool.

That mutton and wool production in this country can be increased greatly admits of no doubt. This can be accomplished by developing sheep husbandry on farms, especially in the Eastern and Southern states. Steps should be taken in the East and South to do away with the sheep-killing dog menace by state or local action.

Large results can be secured by improving methods of breeding and management on the range; by securing the restocking of improved farm lands with sheep; by the larger use of forage crops and pastures; by encouraging sheep and lamb clubs; by the elimination of parasites; by protection against losses from predatory animals; and by having lambs ready for market at from 70 to 80 pounds weight, thereby requiring a minimum of grain to finish them and making possible the maintenance of larger breeding flocks.

Aiding Farmers by Groups.

One of the important ways in which a county agricultural agent serves the farmers in a community is by means of farm management demonstrations. In most communities there are a few farmers who are much more successful than the average of the rest of the farmers in that community, and at the same time they are working under very similar conditions, with similar soil, climate, transportation facilities, and the same markets. In conducting farm management demonstrations, groups of farmers are assisted in keeping records of their business. Each farmer is assisted in determining from these records what labor income he receives for his year's work and what each part of his farm contributed toward this income. At the same time he is given certain information regarding how some of his more successful neighbors conduct their business.

Clean Barns, Cleaner Milk.

Construction of the dairy barn may be less important than careful methods in handling milk when keeping down the bacterial content of the milk is considered, but the barn construction may be such as to lighten the labor necessary to keep the barn and its equipment in a clean condition.

The stable should have a hard floor which can be readily cleaned; for this reason a dirt floor is undesirable. A cement floor is easily cleaned and prevents waste of the liquid manure. It is likely to be cold, however, and therefore extra bedding is required for the cows.

The gutter back of the cows should be large enough to hold the droppings.

—one 16 to 18 inches wide and 7 inches deep is usually sufficient—and it should incline so as to drain readily unless the liquid is taken up by absorbents.

The best types of stalls and mangers are those which present the least surface for collecting dust and dirt and the least obstruction to the circulation of air. Stalls of wool have many flat surfaces and cracks which are difficult to keep clean and are not

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Rev. H. C. Shigley is attending conference at Dover this week.
Miss Evelyn Crouch, of Dover, visited her parents near town over Sunday.
Miss Gertrude Wallace, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her parents here.
John McCoy, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his grandmother Mrs. John McCoy.

Private Robert Heller, of Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J., spent Sunday with his parents here.

Miss Emily Webb, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Webb.

Mr. Joseph Roemer and family, of Port Penn, visited Mr. Byard McClain and family on Sunday.

Mrs. H. C. Shipley and daughter Elsie and Mrs. Dora Limpert are visiting friends at Wyoming.

Mr. Austin and daughter Miss Hilda, of Mt. Pleasant, spent one day last week with Mrs. Joseph Heller.

The Epworth League will hold a social for the League members only on Wednesday evening, March 27th, in the lecture room.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Jeffers, of Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. French and Mrs. M. B. Gates, of Philadelphia, were guests of Mrs. Eccles and daughter on Sunday.

The annual Sunday School election was held in St. Paul's M. E. Church last Sunday and the following officers were elected for the year: Superintendent, Mr. William Elliott; Assistant, Mr. A. H. Donovan; Secretary, Mr. Harry Urub; Assistant, Miss Helen Megee; Treasurer, Mr. William Bogenshitz; Librarian, Karl Morris; Assistant, Eugene Shockley; Supt. of beginners and cradle roll department, Mrs. H. Morris; Supt. of Primary Department, Miss Loleta Buckson.

Help! Help!! Help!!!

"Our Nation's life is in peril! Our liberties are endangered!" These startling words of warning are uttered by a number of our leading military men having a sure, inside knowledge of the facts.

They tell us the country must wake up and put forth its mightiest efforts or national shame and ruin will result.

The Nation must have MONEY, and every patriot will pinch himself and herself hard to buy Liberty Bonds in the coming issue; to buy Thrift Stamps; and in every possible way to help save food for our hungry Allies.

M. E. Conference Opens

The 50th session of the Wilmington Annual Conference, held in Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church and presided over by Bishop Frank M. Bristol, of Chattanooga, Tenn., opened Thursday morning.

After the administration of the Lord's Supper by Bishop Bristol, assisted by district Superintendents Watt, Nowbray Wise and Collins and W. E. Gunby, pastor of Wesley Church, the conference roll was called, and many members and probationers responded.

The conference then elected its officers and standing committees. The new appointments will probably be announced on Monday.

Fire at Millington

MILLINGTON, Md., Mar. 18.—This place had another disastrous fire in the heart of its business district early yesterday morning and a damage of between \$60,000 and \$80,000 resulted. One-third of the business section was wiped out. In July, 1904, the entire business section was burned out.

Owing to the high cost of building material at this time it is doubtful if the buildings destroyed will be rebuilt very promptly.

One of the buildings, that of Charles M. Hurt, contained a great deal of high explosive powder and when this was ignited a number of windows in dwellings and stores on the opposite side of the street were broken.

Aid from the various nearby points was held up on account of the bad roads, although the Centerville Fire Company managed to get through promptly and aid in getting the flames under control.

Farmers Must File Affidavits

WASHINGTON, March 20.—American farmers were today urged to file affidavits for deferred classification for their farm hands in a statement by the United States employment service.

The service warned that if farmers failed to follow this advice they should not complain if their farm hands are taken in the new draft of approximately 99,000 men who will be called to the colors.

Immediate action along this line was requested of all farmers by the employment service to help the critical farm labor shortage which now faces the nation.

"The local draft boards," Director John B. Denison said, "being judicial bodies, cannot defer the call of such men unless the farmers employing them support their claims for such deferred classification with affidavits. It is therefore very important that farmers immediately execute and file such affidavits with the local boards."

Provost Marshal General Crowder has ordered that men engaged in farm production who are listed in class 1 of the draft and who are within the new quota, should be deferred until the end of the quota.

The Transcript \$1.00 per year

RESULTS OF POULTRY SAVING

Poultry production must be pushed vigorously. "One hundred hens on every farm" is the popular and timely slogan and fits in aptly with the restrictions of the Food Administration on the marketing of hens. This regulation caught some poultry raisers with a surplus of breeding hens although there is no surplus in the country at large, to the shortage of feeds and the high price of poultry has tempted breeders and the owners of small flocks to sell their hens.

Even those inconveniences by the restriction on the sale of hens can easily be the point of the regulation. If the hens are killed off the hundred hen movement has little chance, nor will there be hens enough to supply the backyard flock for the man with the bit of land who is trying to make his own stronghold hunger proof. The present situation offers an opportunity to live wire poultry men to start a piece of community work that will connect the surplus of breeding hens to the hundred hen movement and the backyard flock. Community organization and the gospel of "feed yourself" will dispose of surplus hens and convert possible roasters into food producers for the winter of 1918-19.

Agents of the United States Department of Agriculture report that between Jan. 1, 1918 and Feb. 11, forty carloads, each of about 4,000 hens and pullets, were shipped from the state of Texas alone.

This means that 160,000 birds that were laying or about ready to lay were prevented from turning into eggs the food they had consumed without return during the winter. Had those birds been kept until April 30, as urged by the Department of Agriculture and as required by the Food Administration for those remaining on the farms on February 11, it would have meant at an estimate an addition of 400,000 dozen eggs to the food supply of the nation, with little added expense for food, and would have merely postponed use of the birds themselves as food until after May 1.

Has Bought Tractor

Mr. James T. Shallcross is making plans for the most intensive farming of his career, he has sold his herd of cattle, and discontinued the dairy business, in order to plant another field of corn as he is a large grower of seed corn. He placed an order last week for a tractor, which will pull three fourteen-inch plows. With the tractor he will double disc all his corn ground previous to plowing it. It is also his intention to bush his corn in the autumn with the power of the tractor, will shred his fodder in the field, and stack it there, and in the following spring spread it on the ground to be put into corn. Experiments with shredded fodder at several experiment stations show that this makes a most excellent fertilizer.

Odessa Red Cross

We have just received 100 bed sheets to be made at once, who will help be in this good work? A sample will be furnished so you can make others without any trouble.

Two ladies are wanted each afternoon who can run a sewing machine to make special bandages, and all who will come are wanted to fold bandages and many other small jobs. You cannot realize what can be done in an hour unless you come see. Don't forget Wednesday April 10th at 2 P. M. is election of officers for the coming year, also dues for another year are due at that time.

MRS. GEORGE WHITTOCK
Publishing Committee

Knee Cap Broken

Ex-Senator Alexander P. Corbit, of Odessa, suffered a painful accident while on a tour of inspection of one of his farms near Odessa Monday. He had gone into the woods and his foot became entangled in the underbrush throwing him heavily to the ground breaking the knee cap.

Mr. Corbit crawled more than a mile until he could make himself heard by a colored farm hand at work in the field. The man procured a wheelbarrow, and took Mr. Corbit to the farmhouse, and from there he was taken to Odessa, where Dr. Joseph Carrow administered first aid treatment. He was later taken to a hospital in Wilmington, for treatment.

Port Penn Gets Shell Plant

With the arrival of J. H. Bigelow, a Government engineer expert, at Delaware City, it was learned that the Government is planning to erect a large shell-loading plant at Port Penn, a few miles below Fort DuPont, which will be the largest of its kind.

The plant will employ 9,000 persons, and it is understood that the Government will build homes for the workers. The site is within easy access of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, and the Delaware River, as lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The site embraces 400 acres.

The Value of Lime in Soil

Lime affects both physical and biological conditions of the soil, and at the same time has a tendency to liberate unavailable potash and phosphoric acid. The principal object in supplying it to the soil is to correct the soil acidity. It should never be considered as a direct fertilizer, but always as a soil corrective. The effect of lime shows up better on such crops as clover, alfalfa, and timothy than on corn or wheat, and very often the failure of clover or other leguminous plants indicates the need of lime.

WARWICK

Mr. Jack Cochran is on the sick list. We are glad to report that Mr. John Holden is improving.

Mrs. J. H. Vinyard of Wilmington spent Sunday at his home in town.

Mrs. Urie Ginn, of McDonough, spent Tuesday with Mrs. V. L. Vinyard.

Miss Mame Merritt spent Wednesday with Mrs. S. S. McCubbin, in Cecilton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lane entertained company from Kennett Square, on Tues-

day.

Mr. David Yeatman, of Kennett Square, Pa., spent Sunday with Miss Eula Vinyard.

Preaching Sunday evening at 7:30 P. M. Christian Endeavor at 7 P. M.

Everybody welcome.

Mr. Hazel Price of Tome Institute, is spending the spring vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Price.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Merritt and daughters, Ethel and Leni, and Miss Clara Blackburn, of Wilmington, were Saturday and Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Merritt Sr.

In Brief

Eat less; breathe more. Walk less; think more. Ride less; walk more. Clothe less; bathe more. Worry less; work more. Waste less; give more. Preach less; practice more.

Ohio State Journal.

Proposals

Proposals will be received by the Levy Court of New Castle County up to noon Tuesday, March 26, 1918, for crushed stone in various sizes, at local quarries throughout the county.

Address
W. T. PURKS, President,
County Building,
Wilmington, Del.

Public Sale!

I WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT MY STABLES IN GALENA, MD.,

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1918.

Beginning at 10:30 a. m., sharp rain or shine

40 to 50 Horses,
Mules & Colts

Some of these mules and horses are as good as you will find in any sale ring. All of my own will be sold at the high dollar, and most all commission horses and mules sold as they usually bring a fair price and very seldom one is drawn.

I sold 21 mules and 33 horses and colts at my last sale and I will have more good ones at this sale.

Will sell a few good fresh cows, heifers and stock bulls. 150 to 200 Sheep and Pigs are sold at every sale. One farmer, having bought a tractor, 5 or 6 of his best horses, two John Deer Riding Plows, three 20th Century Manure Spreaders, one farm Wagon and a lot of harness will be sold.

Make special mention of a registered Holstein Bull Calf and a pair of twin bull Calves from the best Holstein Cow this farmer ever raised and I expect one of the best cows in Kent Co. and by a registered Holstein bull. These calves will make fine bulls for a farmer to turn out to head his herd with.

Will begin selling horses at 12 o'clock. Will sell rain or shine. TERMS CASH.

S. G. CALDWELL.

My next sale will be April 12th.

Notice!

My wife, Tabitha A. Webb, having left my board and bed, I wish to inform the general public that I will positively not pay any bills contracted by her.

JOHN W. WEBB

McDonough, Del.

March 20, 1918.

**PATRIOTIC
MASS
MEETING**
Opera House, MIDDLETOWN DELAWARE
TUESDAY NIGHT
MARCH 26th, 1918
At 8 o'clock

A Patriotic Mass Meeting will be held in the Opera House on Tuesday night, March 26th, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of having discussed the various issues of the war and the duty of every individual toward the same.

MUSIC will be furnished by the UNITED STATES MILITARY BAND of Fort duPont, of twenty-four pieces. It is expected that Lieutenant Sutton of the British Army who lost an arm in No Man's Land, in front of the German trenches, will be present and tell first hand stories of the Front. Other speakers of State and National reputation will be present.

This is expected to be the greatest War Meeting ever held in Middletown, and every man, woman and child in Middletown and vicinity is invited to be present.

WALTER S. LETHERBURY,
President Town Council

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E. M. SHALLCROSS, Prop.

Phone 110 for Demonstration.

LOOK!

Commencing SATURDAY, MARCH 23d, and every Saturday thereafter, there will be a matinee in the Middletown Opera House at 2.30 P. M.

ADMISSION

5 and 15 Cents

Buy That Piano Now

You Can Save Money by Buying at the Special Sale of Pianos Now Going On in Fogel & Burstan's Dept. Store, corner Broad & Main Sts.

This is a Manufacturer's Sale and by Buying of Us You Save Money

**BESIDES THE FAMOUS
STIEFF PIANOS
AND THE WELL KNOWN**

S H A W P I A N O S
We Have a Number of Other Makes, Which are a Little Less Expensive But Unusually Good Values for the Money

Our Mr. Wm. J. Gilbert is in charge of this sale, and we want to assure you that he will take pleasure in having you call, whether you are interested in buying at the present time or not. If you are not in the market now, please tell him of any of your friends who are interested.

You Can Save Money by Purchasing at This Special Sale

REMEMBER--This sale is now going on for a limited time only, and the sooner you make your selection, the more you have to choose from.

CHAS. M. STIEFF
WILMINGTON, DEL. BALTIMORE, MD.

Miss Lola Ingram of Middletown, will demonstrate these Pianos

Spring Millinery

Pretty Display of Trimmed hats, just received from New York. All the newest shapes, in untrimmed hats and latest in ribbons and trimmings, at lowest prices. No charge for trimming.

We are just opening up a beautiful line of dress goods, newest in colors and style, at reasonable prices.

Call and see our line.

Peterson's Dept. Store

THE BEST RULE for learning to save money is "pay as you go". Following this rule you are never in debt, you know always just where you stand, just how much surplus you have and how much of it you can safely lay by. The satisfaction of the thing, aside from the money saved, is not to be overlooked, the worry of debt is avoided, things are seen in a new light. The consciousness of that you owe nothing is in itself a stimulus to work harder and earn more.

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